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East Germany

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KVP in Oranienburg

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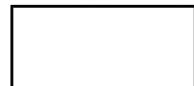
1. In the afternoon on 16 June 1953, the KVP departed from Oranienburg Castle and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp toward Berlin. They were transported with trucks which mounted machine guns. The two installations were completely vacated except for individual guards. The troops returned in late June.¹
2. In early July, groups of young men of between 17 and 20 years of age who wore civilian clothing and carried baggage arrived at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp on a number of days. They spoke the dialect of Saxony. On 25 and 26 July, about 50 civilians carrying baggage left the camp and went to the Oranienburg railroad station.²
3. Service of the piece drill was performed regularly on 37-mm AA guns at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp during the period of observation. A total of 14 guns of this type was parked in front of buildings No 110 through 112 on 28 July. Other troops received basic drill. On 11 July, T-34 tanks with turret Nos 508 and 511 and IS tank with turret No 503 practiced in the southern section of the tank training grounds.
4. During the night on 24 July, six trucks each carrying 20 to 25 KVPs with full pack left the Sachsenhausen concentration camp toward Schmachtenhagen. At 1:40 p.m. on 28 July, about 200 KVPs of various branches of service departed from the Oranienburg railroad station toward Berlin. These soldiers also carried full pack.
5. From 16 June to 30 July, Oranienburg Castle still quartered VPs who had black, middle-blue, green and light-red service colors and included a large number of soldiers who wore the letter A on their epaulets. About 100 soldiers daily marched from the castle to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp prior to mid-July. Officer aspirants were later trucked to the villages in the vicinity to help with the harvesting.

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25X1A 1. [] Comment. Deserters stated that the Oranienburg Bereitschaft moved to Berlin in the morning on 17 June rather than 16 June.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. The civilians who arrived probably were new recruits while the departing persons were discharged KVPs.

25X1A 3. [] Comment. Elements of the Oranienburg Bereitschaft were probably again transported to Berlin for employment.

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